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Main Entry: **1will** **Pronunciation:** w&l, (&)l, &l, 'wil**Function:** *verb***Inflected Form(s):** *past would* /w&d, (&)d, 'wud/; *present singular & plural will***Etymology:** Middle English (1st & 3d sing. present indic.), from Old English *wille* (infinitive *wyllan*); akin to Old High German *wili* (3d singular present indicative) *wills*, Latin *velle* to wish, will**transitive senses :** **DESIRE**, **WISH** <call it what you *will*>
verbal auxiliary1 -- used to express desire, choice, willingness, consent, or in negative constructions refusal <no one *would* take the job> <if we *will* all do our best> <*will* you please stop that racket>2 -- used to express frequent, customary, or habitual action or natural tendency or disposition <*will* get angry over nothing> <*will* work one day and loaf the next>3 -- used to express futurity <tomorrow morning I *will* wake up in this first-class hotel suite -- Tennessee Williams>4 -- used to express capability or sufficiency <the back seat *will* hold three passengers>5 -- used to express probability and often equivalent to the simple verb <that *will* be the milkman>

6 a -- used to express determination, insistence, persistence, or willfulness <I have made up my mind to go and go I



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will> **b** -- used to express inevitability <accidents *will* happen>
7 -- used to express a command, exhortation, or injunction <you *will* do as I say, at once>
intransitive senses : to have a wish or desire <whether we *will* or no>
usage see SHALL
- if you *will* : if you wish to call it that <a kind of preoccupation, or obsession *if you will* -- Louis Auchincloss>

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